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BAR CODES SAVE MAILING COSTS

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Businesses that do a lot of mailing may soon be able to trim thousands of dollars from their annual postage costs with a new software package.

The software upgrades a business's computerized mailing system to bar code the mail, said Michael West, a U.S. Postal Service spokesman in Washington, D.C.

It costs about \$200, but the post office is offering a 19 percent price break on postage for mail that is bar-coded, said West.

And when the standard rate for first-class mail goes to 30 cents in February, the rate for bar-coded mail is expected to be 24.3 cents.

The software stamps a postal bar code, a 2.5-inch strip of short vertical lines similar to a standard product identification code, on the lower right-hand corner of an envelope.

Sorter machines read the code at the post office with an optical scanning device, and the mail is then channeled to appropriate sorting bins.

Mail carriers do a final sorting before making deliveries.

Two workers can sort 37,000 pieces of mail an hour using a bar-code sorter, said Walt Hess, operations services director for the local post office. The post office has three bar-code sorters, the latest arriving in July. The machines are replacing equipment that requires 17 workers to sort about the same amount of mail. Sorting using bar codes costs \$3 per thousand letters, and \$15 per thousand without, said Hess.

The technology is particularly helpful during a heavy processing period, between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m., Hess said.

Dawn Partridge, marketing director for the Fort Wayne post office, said most bar coding is done by the postal service, but monetary incentives are likely to change that.

Businesses that don't undertake their own bar coding may arrange to have larger companies do it for them in return for a percentage of the rate discount, Partridge said.

To make mail easier for the postal service to bar code, it will be mailing a "Your Guide to Complete Addressing" brochure next month, she said.

CAPTION:
PHOTO

Postal workers Scott Vanlandingham, left, and Warren Keller operate new high-speed equipment that uses bar codes to sort mail. Automation of postal service should be complete by 1992. Photo by Argil Shock Of The News-Sentinel

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File 148:Gale Group Trade & Industry DB 1976-2005/Oct 06
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Set	Items	Description
S1	12	(MAIL OR MAILPIECE? ? OR POSTAGE)(8N)(FRANK? OR STAMP?)(20-N)(IDENTIFICATION()CODE) NOT PY>2001
S2	12	RD (unique items)

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... form's "claimed ID" can include the signature and other data such as an e-mail address or digital identification code and a time-stamp

The PenOp software runs on any Microsoft windows computer and can be integrated with other...

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...5-digit or BMC rates based on a minimum of 1,000 cubic inches of mail is deleted; however, the eight-piece or 20-pound minimum per 5-digit sortation level and the four-piece or 20-pound minimum per BMC sortation level is retained.

(4) Postage Payment (DMM P700)

DMM P700 is amended to clarify that precanceled stamps may not be used for payment of Media Mail postage.

10. Library Mail

a. Library Mail Rate Highlights

Library Mail rates will increase by an...

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Franking machine and procedure for the release of a franking machine
Frankiermaschine und Verfahren zur Freigabe einer Frankiermaschine
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Description (English machine translation)

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... with well-known post
office working on systems, in order to register data over registered
franking machines and to reload for example also postage values over
a
tele-call line for the production of franking into a local franking
machine. To this data center the identification code will
transfer according to invention, in order to register there the
current location of the...

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Franking procedure and device
Frankiervorrichtung und -vorrichtung
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Description (English machine translation)

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... essentially a charge counter and a user are arranged
individual coding module, with which the stamp fee and a further
machine-readable data stamp, so-called "Indizia" are produced.
Franking a piece postage such Indizium becomes from the postage
which can be franked, an identification code of the safety
equipment,
the return address by the safety equipment, which current charge
counter...

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E/POSTAGE METER MACHINE, AND METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENABLING A POSTAGE METER
MACHINE
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Abstract: In a method and system for enabling a postage meter machine for franking postal matter, the postage meter machine having a base unit, a meter for the control and debiting of franking, and a printer unit, with an identification code, in order to satisfy the postal requirements of treating the printer unit like a meter...

...even when it is located outside the meter, as well as to prevent manipulations, the postage meter machine, after the coupling of base unit and meter and before initialization, is coupled to the data center, and that the identification code is transmitted to the data center. An enable code is transmitted from the data center to the postage meter machine for enabling the postage meter machine to generate frankings.

Exemplary Claim:

D R A W I N G

1. A method for enabling a postage meter machine for franking postal matter comprising the steps of: providing a base unit with a printer unit, having an identification code, for printing franking imprints on postal matter respectively representing monetary values that are debited in an accounting unit...

...machine, establishing communication between said postage meter machine and a data center remote from said postage meter machine and transmitting said identification code from said postage meter machine to said data center; at said data center, evaluating said identification code and, if said identification code is valid, transmitting an enable code from said data center to said postage meter machine; and allowing said postage meter machine to frank postal items only after said enable code is transmitted to said postage meter machine.

Non-exemplary Claims: ...8. A system for franking postal items, comprising: a postage meter machine comprising a meter coupled to a base unit, with a printer unit in communication with said meter for producing franking imprints on postal items with respective values of said franking imprints being debited in an accounting unit in said meter, said printer unit having an identification code; a data center located remote from said postage meter machine; said postage meter machine having a communication arrangement which, after coupling said meter to said base unit...

...11. A postage meter machine comprising: a base unit; a meter coupled to said base unit and a printer unit in communication with said meter, said printer unit producing franking imprints on postal items with respective franking values debited in an accounting unit in said meter, said printer unit having an identification code; a communication arrangement adapted to establish communication between said postage meter machine and a data center remote therefrom which, after coupling said base unit and said meter and before initialization of said meter, transmits said identification code to said data center; and an enabling circuit allowing said printer unit to generate said franking imprints only after receipt of an enable code at said postage meter machine from said data center in response to transmission of said identification code.

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Franking machine system.
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...SPECIFICATION new value is checked against authorised limits and account status and if this is found to be acceptable the computer utilises the encryption key to encrypt a data block to be returned to the controller. This data block contains a new transaction identification code generated by a pseudo-random number generator such as a linear feed shift register, the new postage credit payment value and checking data. The controller on receipt of this encrypted data block...

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METHOD AND DEVICES FOR PRINTING A FRANKING MARK ON A DOCUMENT
PROCEDE ET DISPOSITIFS POUR IMPRIMER UNE MARQUE D'AFFRANCHISSEMENT SUR UN DOCUMENT

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Detailed Description

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... mark on a document.

The present invention is related to a method for printing a franking mark on a document, comprising the following steps.

- a. making available a unique bit string;
- b. establishing an identification code ;
- c. securely printing said franking mark on the document, said franking mark at least comprising information relating to the bit string and the identification code .

" Franking mark" here refers, for example, to an electronic postage stamp , that is to say a mark printed on a postal article by a franking machine or a printer, which inter alia can represent a franking value for said postal...

...Device (PSD)
Specification". both dated 23 July 1997 (draft documents).

With such a method, electronic postage stamps can be obtained and printed on postal articles. The device, for example a computer, with which the electronic postage stamp is printed is thereto provided with a Postal Security Device (PSD), to which a unique identification code is related. The electronic postage stamp comprises various elements, of which a few are mentioned as "security critical": the identification code of the PSD, the value of the contents of an incremental register, the franking value of the postal article and a digital signature. The contents of the incremental register represent the total monetary value of all hitherto printed electronic postage stamps with the related PSD. The combination of identification code and the contents of the incremental register represents a unique bit string per postal article...

...printer
35 prints a two-dimensional bar code, after which the value of the printed " postage stamp" is debited from the total franking value is debited in the postal security device.

According to the publication of J. Quittner, the electronic postage stamp in the system of E- Stamp comprises 5 in any case an identification code of the user, an identification code of the postal security device, the franking value, the delivery type (for example by express delivery), the sender's address and the date. The electronic postage stamp can further also contain data related to the sending company, and room is provided for...and determines the maximum number of times that the unique bit string for printing the franking mark on documents may be used, or which represents a monetary value that may be expended for electronic postage stamps , can also be used.

The identification code can comprise a user identification code and/or a printer identification code .

The user identification code , for example, can contain at

least the number of the bank/ATM card of the...form of a two dimensional bar code 28, which contains further, possibly encoded, information. Said franking mark 28 shall at least contain a unique bit string, of which the use will be explained further on, and an identification code. The identification code identifies the user, i.e. the person who purchased the electronic postage stamp, and/or the device with which the franking mark is printed. If the identification code is coupled to the printing device, this can, for example, be a unique code associated with said SAM 19. In that case, the owner of the franking machine is responsible for possible fraude with the use of electronic postage stamps.

As identification code for the user, the number of said bank card 16 can be used. The bank...used.

Alternatively, the counter can represent a monetary value which can be expended on electronic postage stamps. The user can enter the counter value via the keys of the 2 0 keyboard 10.

In step 260, said processor 4 generates MAC1 on the basis of the identification code of the user, the franking number issued and the counter value. Alternatively, said data can be stored in encoded form...

...franking machine 20 waits until the customer has submitted a request for printing an electronic postage stamp. Said step corresponds to step 302 in Fig.

3a.

As soon as the customer has submitted this request, the franking machine reads either MAC1 with identification code, franking number and counter value, or said data in encoded form, from the franking card 18. This takes place in step 354.

is In step 356, the processor 23...card 18, calculates MAC2 on the basis of all data which are included in the franking mark, among which: the identification code, the unique franking number, the actual balance and the postage costs.

As an alternative for calculating a second MAC, MAC2, said data can be encoded...

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Detailed Description

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The present invention is related to a method for checking a franking mark, that at least comprises an identification code and a unique bit string.

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...Device

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...issued a command to

print an electronic postage stamp on a postal article, an electronic postage stamp is downloaded and the printer prints a two-dimensional bar code, after which the value of the printed "postage stamp" is debited from the total franking value in the postal security device.

In the system of E-Stamp, the electronic postage stamp according to the publication of J. Quittner comprises in any case an identification code of the user, an identification code of the postal security device, the franking value, the delivery type (for example express delivery), the sender's address and the date. Further, the electronic postage stamp can also contain data related to the sending company and room is provided for possible...

...present invention is to provide a

method and a system which can check such electronic postage stamps.

The method according to the invention therefore comprises the following steps.

a. reading the franking mark,
b. decoding the franking mark,
c. checking whether the identification code is correct by comparing it with data stored in a memory,
20 d. checking...form of a two-dimensional bar code 28, which contains further, possibly encoded, information. Said franking mark 28 shall at least contain a unique bit string, the use of which will be explained further on, and an identification code. The identification code identifies the user, i.e. the person who purchased the electronic postage stamp, and/or the device with which the franking mark is printed. If the identification code is coupled to the printing device, this can, for example, be a unique code associated with said SAM 19. In that case, the owner of the franking machine is responsible for possible fraud with the use of electronic postage stamps.

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A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION, VALIDATION OF STATUS AND CORRELATION OF BAR CODE INFORMATION INCLUDING SECURE IMAGE CAPTURE AND CHARACTER RECOGNITION

PROCEDE ET APPAREIL POUR IDENTIFICATION POSITIVE, VALIDATION D'ETAT ET CORRELATION D'INFORMATION RELATIVE A UN CODE A BARRES, COMPORTANT UNE SAISIE DE DONNEES SECURISEE ET UNE RECONNAISSANCE DE CARACTERES

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Detailed Description

... a note, a loan document, a mortgage, a stock certificate, a bond certificate, a food stamp, a postage stamp, a car title or comprise other exemplary form. The negotiable instrument may have appear on its front or reverse surface a bank identification code, personal identification data, serial number or other identification data which is visible to a reader...

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0004930938 **IMAGE Available
Postage meter machine, and method and system for enabling a postage meter machine
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Abstract:

In a method and system for enabling a postage meter machine for franking postal matter, the postage meter machine having a base unit, a meter for the control and debiting of franking, and a printer unit, with an identification code, in order to satisfy the postal requirements of treating the printer unit like a meter...

...even when it is located outside the meter, as well as to prevent manipulations, the postage meter machine, after the coupling of base unit and meter and before initialization, is coupled to the data center, and that the identification code is transmitted to the data center. An enable code is transmitted from the data center to the postage meter machine for enabling the postage meter machine to generate frankings

Summary of the Invention:

...0002] The present invention is directed to a method for enabling a postage meter machine for franking postal matter, the machine being of the type having a base unit, a meter for controlling and debiting franking, and a printer unit, the printer unit having an identification code. The invention also is directed to a system for franking postal matter having a data center and at least one postage meter machine, as well as being directed to a postage meter machine by itself...

...intended and frankings can be generated. Such a data center is already provided in known mail processing systems in order to register data about registered postage meter machines and, for example, to reload postage values for generating frankings into a local postage meter machine via a remote query line. Inventively, the identification code is transmitted to this data center in order to register the current location of the...

Exemplary or Independent Claim(s):

1. A method for enabling a postage meter machine for franking postal matter comprising the steps of: providing a base unit with a printer unit, having an identification code, for printing franking imprints on postal matter respectively representing monetary values that are debited in an accounting unit...

...machine, establishing communication between said postage meter machine and a data center remote from said postage meter machine and transmitting said identification code from said postage meter machine to said data center; at said data center, evaluating said identification code and, if said identification code is valid, transmitting an enable code from said data center to said postage meter machine; and allowing said postage meter machine to frank postal items only after said enable code is transmitted to said postage meter machine...

...8. A system for franking postal items, comprising: a postage meter machine comprising a meter coupled to a base unit, with a printer unit in communication with said meter for producing franking imprints on postal items with respective values of said franking imprints being debited in an accounting unit in said meter, said printer unit having an identification code; a data center located remote from said postage meter machine; said postage meter machine having a communication arrangement which, after coupling said meter to said base unit...

...11. A postage meter machine comprising: a base unit; a meter coupled to said base unit and a printer unit in communication with said meter, said printer unit producing franking imprints on postal items with respective franking values debited in an accounting unit in said meter, said printer unit having an identification code; a communication arrangement adapted to establish communication between said postage meter machine and a data center remote therefrom which, after coupling said base unit and said meter and before initialization of said meter, transmits said identification code to said data center; and an enabling circuit allowing said printer unit to generate said franking imprints only after receipt of an enable code at said postage meter machine from said data center in response to transmission of said identification code.

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Postage meter machine with protected print head

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...11. A print head adapted for removable insertion into a printer unit of a postage meter machine for franking postal items, said print head having a machine readable first identification code disposed thereon, and having a memory unit uniquely allocated to said print head in which a second identification code and a security code are stored, said security code being generated with a key code...

...12. A method for authentication of a print head for a postage meter machine for franking postal items comprising: disposing a machine readable first identification code on a print head; uniquely allocating a memory unit to said print head and storing...

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